

dated February 22, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

Please amend this application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please enter the enclosed corrected drawings, which have been changed to conform to the draftsperson's patent drawing review. The top margin of Figure 3A now exceeds 2.5 cm. The character of the lines in Figures 1A-4D are uniformly thick and well-defined, clean, durable, and black. The numbers, letters, and reference characters in Figures 1A-4D are plain and legible. The drawings are identified by the title of the invention, the inventor's name, application number, and docket number. We will replace these drawings with originals upon a receipt of a Notice of Allowability.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend Example 4a of the pending specification to read as follows:

Example 4 - Construction of the retroviral vector pMcreloxPL and transfection of cell lines

a) Construction of the XL-I Blue pM Crelox PL plasmid

The structure of the retrovirus used in the present example is illustrated in Fig. 3a. pMCreloxPL results from the insertion of the 1.3 kbp *cre* gene fused with a nuclear localization of the large T antigen of the simian virus 40 between the two LTR of the pMloxPL plasmid. The *cre* gene is under the transcriptional control of the promoter of the thymidine kinase gene (tk) of the herpes simplex virus